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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Findings by Temporary Select Committee To Study the Senate Committee System

1. On 29 November, Members of the subject Committee convened to mark up the Committee's final report. The attendees included: Dan Quayle (R., IN), Wendell H. Ford (D., KY), Jake Garn (R., UT), Malcolm Wallop (R., WY), Warren B. Rudman (R., NH), John Melcher (D., MT) and Spark M. Matsunaga (D., HI).

2. Of particular interest is the Committee's recommendation to establish a joint House-Senate committee on intelligence. Senator Rudman stated that this is a very hot issue, there is contentiousness on both sides of Congress, and the Committee should drop the issue from the report because it would not have any impact anyway.

3. Senator Wallop argued that there should be no limit on the number of years a member could serve on the intelligence committee. (Senator Quayle, the primary author of the report, extended the current eight-year term to ten years in order to compromise between Senators who want the eight-year limit and those who want no limit). Senator Wallop cited the need for continuity, the complexity of the intelligence business ("there are a lot of acronyms to learn"), the long lead-time for technical programs to come on line, and, "it takes seven years to have an appreciation for the end results of appropriations." Senator Garn spoke in support of Senator Wallop.

4. The Committee decided to go forward with the recommendation for a joint committee and to avoid discussion of the term of service.

Attachment: Committee Draft Report

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